

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 1047, Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act.

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 1350, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 1350, Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S111595–S11663

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 12, 3008–3020, S. Res. 474–478, and S. Con. Res. 150–151.

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Measures Reported:

S. 2393, to improve aviation security, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 108–417)

S. 2541, to reauthorize and restructure the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 108–418)

S. 1153, to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit medicare-eligible veterans to receive an out-patient medication benefit, to provide that certain veterans who receive such benefit are not otherwise eligible for medical care and services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–420)

S. 1380, to distribute universal service support equitably throughout rural America.

S. 1963, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to protect the privacy right of subscribers to wireless communication services, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2145, to regulate the unauthorized installation of computer software, to require clear disclosure to computer users of certain computer software features that may pose a threat to user privacy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2281, to provide a clear and unambiguous structure for the jurisdictional and regulatory treatment for the offering or provision of voice-over-

Internet-protocol applications, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2505, to implement the recommendations of the Federal Communications Commission report to the Congress regarding low power FM service, with an amendment.

S. 2644, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 with respect to the carriage of direct broadcast satellite television signals by satellite carriers to consumers in rural areas, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2820, to ensure the availability of certain spectrum for public safety entities by amending the Communications Act of 1934 to establish January 1, 2009, as the date by which the transition to digital television shall be completed, and for other purposes, with amendments.

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Measures Passed:

National Adoption Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 474, to express support for the goals of National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging Americans to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children.

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Condemning Laos Human Rights Abuses: Senate agreed to S. Res. 475, to condemn human rights abuses in Laos.

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Osage Tribe: Senate passed H.R. 2912, to reaffirm the inherent sovereign rights of the Osage Tribe to determine its membership and form of government, clearing the measure for the President.

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Snake River Water Rights Act: Senate passed S. 2605, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the heads of other Federal agencies to carry out an agreement resolving major issues relating to the adjudication of water rights in the Snake River Basin, Idaho, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Native American Capital Formation and Economic Development Act: Senate passed S. 519, to determine the feasibility of establishing an Indian Tribal Development Corporation, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Tribal Parity Act: Senate passed S. 1530, to provide compensation to the Lower Brule and Crow Creek Sioux Tribes of South Dakota for damage to tribal land caused by Pick-Sloan projects along the Missouri River, after agreeing to the committee amendments.

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Oglala Sioux Tribe Angostura Irrigation Project Rehabilitation and Development Act: Senate passed S. 1996, to enhance and provide to the Oglala Sioux Tribe and Angostura Irrigation Project certain benefits of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River basin program, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation Grand Coulee Dam Equitable Compensation Settlement Act: Senate passed S. 1438, to provide for equitable compensation to the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Craig (for Campbell) Amendment No. 4068, to make clear that land transferred under the bill shall remain part of the Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area.

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Trust Fund Lawsuit: Committee on Indian Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 248, expressing the sense of the Senate concerning the individual Indian money account trust fund lawsuit, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Craig (for Campbell) Amendment No. 4069, in the nature of a substitute.

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Craig (for Campbell) Amendment No. 4070, to amend the preamble.

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Harmful Algal Bloom Authorization: Senate passed S. 3014, to reauthorize the Harmful Algal

Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998.

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Training for Realtime Writers Act: Senate passed S. 480, to provide competitive grants for training court reporters and closed captioners to meet requirements for real-time writers under the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

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Recognizing Battle of the Bulge 60th Anniversary: Senate passed H.J. Res. 110, recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge during World War II, clearing the measure for the President.

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National Prematurity Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 476, supporting the goals, activities, and ideals of National Prematurity Awareness Month.

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Enrollment Correction: Senate passed H. Con. Res. 524, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make certain corrections to the enrollment of H.R. 1350.

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United States Vision in the Middle East: Senate agreed to S. Res. 477, expressing the sense of the Senate in support of a reinvigorated United States vision of freedom, peace, and democracy in the Middle East.

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Irish Peace Process Cultural and Training Program Act: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2655, to amend and extend the Irish Peace Process Cultural and Training Program Act of 1998, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

Sessions (for Lugar) Amendment No. 4071, in the nature of a substitute.

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United States District Court Authority: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 2873, to extend the authority of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa to hold court in Rock Island, Illinois, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

Sessions (for Leahy) Amendment No. 4072, to provide for additional places of holding court.

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National Sex Offender Database Registration: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 2154, to establish a National sex offender registration database, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

Sessions (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 4073, in the nature of a substitute.

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Displaced Staff Members: Senate agreed to S.Res.478, relating to displaced staff members of Senators and Senate leaders. **Page S11663**

109th Congress Convening Date: Senate agreed to H.J. Res. 111, appointing the day for convening of the first session of the One Hundred Ninth Congress, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11663**

Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act—Conference Report: By unanimous-consent, Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 1047, to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty, to make other technical amendments to the trade laws, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S11516–20, S11523–33, S11555**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 88 yeas to 5 nays (vote No. 214), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the conference report. **Page S11520**

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act—Conference Report: Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 1350, to reauthorize the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S11653–60**

Nominations Discharged: Committee on Foreign Relation was discharged from further consideration of the following nominations which were then placed on the Executive Calendar:

Routine lists in the Foreign Service. **Page S11594**

Messages From the House: **Page S11633**

Enrolled Bill Presented: **Page S11634**

Executive Communications: **Pages S11634–39**

Executive Reports of Committees: **Page S11639**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S11640–41**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S11641–51**

Additional Statements: **Pages S11628–33**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S11651–53**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—214) **Page S11520**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:31 a.m. and adjourned at 8:24 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Saturday, November 20, 2004 (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11594.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing regarding the nature of the evolving Improvised Explosive Devices threat from Brigadier General Joseph Votel, USA, Director of the Department of Defense Improvised Explosive Device Task Force, who was accompanied by several of his associates.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported six nominations in the Army and Air Force.

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Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jonathan Steven Adelstein, of South Dakota, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, Ernest J. Wilson III, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Claudia Puig, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Gay Hart Gaines, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Harold Jennings Creel, Jr., of South Carolina, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, James S. Simpson, of New York, to be a Member of the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, and sundry nominations for promotion in the U.S. Coast Guard.